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REMARKS

Claims 1-17 remain present in this application.

Claims 1, 13, and 16 have been amended. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4, 7 and 9-17 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by IWAKI, U.S. Patent 6,567,097. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 5, 6 and 8 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over IWAKI. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The present invention provides for a video signal conversion method for a computer which is not installed with or has not been loaded with any operating system. Also, a video signal conversion method for a computer that is not installed with or has not been loaded with an operating system is set forth. In both independent claims 1 and 13, one of the steps involves obtaining a power on signal by a basic input/output system.

With this method, a computer that is not loaded in any operating system can be utilized. When the computer turns on, the BIOS will determine whether the power on signal P is a TV signal or an operation selection signal as discussed in step 102, for example. If the power on signal P is a TV selection signal, the computer would drive a display to turn the video signal into a visible image by the BIOS. This is described in the detailed

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description of the present invention. Accordingly, if a user would like to see TV programs, he or she can just turn on the computer to select a TV selection without entering the operating system. This improves speed and convenience of use.

The IWAKI patent, on the other hand, just discloses a well-known method to control a TV signal. It does not teach or disclose anything about the above-mentioned method. It is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1 and 13, as well as their dependent claims, would neither be suggested nor rendered obvious by this prior art reference. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the 35 USC 102(e) and 103 rejections should now be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Favorable reconsideration and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Because the additional prior art cited by the Examiner has been included merely to show the state of the prior art and has not been utilized to reject the claims, no further comments concerning these documents are considered necessary at this time.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), the Applicants respectfully petition for a one (1) month extension of time for filing a response in connection with the present application and the required fee of \$110.00 is authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-2448.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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